



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6749

LCO No. 3351



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF PUBLIC FINANCING OF
MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGNS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-760 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7-192a, the State Elections
4 Enforcement Commission shall establish a pilot program for the public
5 financing of campaigns of candidates for the municipal offices of chief
6 executive officer, municipal clerk and legislative body member, who
7 agree to limit campaign fund-raising and expenditures, at a municipal
8 election in not more than [three] four municipalities. The commission
9 shall establish an application procedure for the program and criteria
10 for the selection of municipalities. The commission shall not select a
11 municipality to participate in the program unless the legislative body
12 of the municipality or, in the case of a municipality in which the
13 legislative body is a town meeting, the board of selectmen, consents to
14 such participation. Each municipality selected to participate shall

15 submit an implementation plan to the commission, for its approval.
16 Public financing under said program shall not be deemed to be public
17 funds for the purposes of subsection (d) of section 9-610. A candidate
18 for any such municipal office who decides not to participate in such
19 program shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 155.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-760
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Statement of Purpose:

To expand the authority of the State Elections Enforcement Commission to oversee the implementation of municipal public financing of certain campaigns in not more than four municipalities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]